

## THINGS OF INTEREST FROM OUR NEIGHBORS

### Cedar Grove

Ralph Adcock left for Arizona last Sunday.

Mr. Furman and family spent Sunday with Mr. Sam Meyer and family.

Mrs. Furman and daughter Hazel, had business in Mountainair, Tuesday.

John Cumiford and Rufe Sellers butchered a fine yearling one day this week.

Miss Fairy Arnett who is teacher of the Mesa school, spent the week end with home folks.

Mrs. Adcock assisted Mrs. Bruce with cooking for threshers, on Monday and Tuesday of this week.

Mr. Conner has erected a four roomed house on his farm, which adds greatly to the looks of the place.

We are glad to state that Mrs. Coffey, who had her arm broken, and hand badly smashed, some time ago, while assisting with pumping water, is getting along nicely.

The pie supper at Cedar Grove was well attended, a good program was enjoyed by all, proceeds were \$30.00. We wish to extend our thanks to all who participated, and especially thank Mr. Noble for his kind assistance as auctioneer.

### South Mesa

J. W. Shaw has purchased a pair of mules.

A. Owen has returned from a business trip to Texas.

L. Brown has purchased the Hall farm, south of town.

A. Lidzy bought a fine little mare last week of John Doyle.

Tom Springs has leased one of the Cooper farms for several years.

We don't mind being called "Bean Billies" as long as we have the game as well as the name.

Rev. Garrison will conduct service at the Mesa Schoolhouse on the fourth Sunday in November. A Sunday School will be organized at that time. Everybody welcome.

From appearances most of the farmers of the South Mesa are going to farm beans on a big scale next year, as they are supplying themselves with horses, mules and implements.

### Pleasant View

A. G. Parker and lady were visitors Sunday in the Manning home.

Oscar Sinclair attended the Pie Supper at Mountainair Saturday night.

Lee Briggs left Tuesday for Scholle to resume his work at the mines.

O. W. Sinclair returned Friday from Scholle, after a couple of weeks well work.

Bro. Land, Bro. Bruner and lady were guests at the noon hour Sunday in the Walpole home.

Miss McDonald one of our neighbors to the north, was in our community last week looking for a bean thresher.

Miss Lula Kenton entertained the young people Saturday night. Everybody spoke in warmest manner of Miss Lula as a hostess.

The attendance at Sunday School was not so good last Sunday as several were working. Choir practice was enthusiastic in the afternoon. We will have a short Christmas program in connection with a Christmas tree.

We see right now it pays to tell you

troubles through the Independent. We were needing preaching out here and so made mention of the fact last week. Consequently Bro. Land of Mountainair responded, and preached an able sermon from the 11th chapter of Hebrews. We certainly appreciate such men. Bro. Land has lived in this section before, but like others left the state, and now is glad he is back. His wife came out also and visited with her son, Bob and family.

The bean thresher has been busy the past week, like "Griggery's old mill," off of one grain on to another throughout the neighborhood. We will be glad when the crop is threshed, for we notice people work on Sunday the same as on Monday, and it brings about their absence from Sunday School which we regret, as we don't endorse working all the days and giving none to the Lord.

M. G. Waggoner has had an attack of la grip this week, which put him out of business for a few days, but he has resumed his work again.

### Homestead Filings

The following persons have made filings before U. S. Commissioner Hanlon since our last report:

Jesse J. Jewell, n 1/2 sec 24, 2, 8.  
Margaret E. Fulfer, s 1/2 sec 8; s 1/2 sec 10; nw 1/2 sec 15, 1, 8.  
Charles L. Snyder, nw 1/2 sec 19, 6, 11; ne 1/2 sec 24; e 1/2 nw 1/2 sec 24, 6, 19.  
Lloyd W. Hicks s 1/2 sw 1/2 sec 19, 6, 11; se 1/2 sec 24; e 1/2 sw 1/2 sec 24, 6, 10.  
Joseph A. Rosa ne 1/2 sec 15, 2, 7.  
Leon J. Pohl w 1/2 nw 1/2 sec 34; e 1/2 ne 1/2 and nw 1/2 ne 1/2 sec 38; s 1/2 se 1/2 and se 1/2 sw 1/2 sec 23, 4, 5.  
Manuel Antonio Aragon sw 1/2 sec 28; se 1/2 ne 1/2 and ne 1/2 se 1/2 sec 29, 2, 5.  
Thomas W. Adams e 1/2 sec 5, 1, 8.  
Willie B. Johnson s 1/2 sec 20, 8, 9.  
Robert B. Miller s 1/2 sec 33, 3, 9.  
Andrew G. Stringer n 1/2 sec 33, 3, 9.  
George N. Wood w 1/2 sec 22, 8, 8.  
Robert G. Montgomery n 1/2 sec 22, 8, 8.  
William G. Bussey ne 1/2 sec 22, 2, 8.  
Bonnie R. Giles p 1/2 n 1/2 sec 6, 1, 8; s 1/2 s 1/2 sec 31, 2, 8.  
John R. Snider a 1/2 nw 1/2, n 1/2 sw 1/2, sw 1/2 sec 3; w 1/2 nw 1/2, nw 1/2 sw 1/2 sec 10, 2, 7.

Harper Spruill, Optometrist, will be in Mountainair on Nov. 22nd, on his regular semi-annual trip, and will be pleased to see all of his old patients and as many new ones as need his services. Do not forget the date—Nov. 22nd and a few days after.

### Smiles

Aimee—You certainly made a good soldier, Hazel.  
Hazel—Why do you think so, dear?  
Aimee—You never desert your colors.

"I read of a dog that coughed up a valuable diamond ring."  
"That's nothing, I know of men who cough up diamond rings every day, and people seem to think it is quite natural."

Robert, 4 years old, was saying his prayers. Having petitioned blessings for friends and kin, his mother said: "Now, son, ask God to make you a good boy."  
"Let's don't bother God with that," said Robert. "That's your job."

"The police had a hard time dispersing the crowd of suffragettes."  
"What did they want to call out the police for?"  
"Because the suffragettes were making trouble."  
"Why didn't they call out a mouse?"

"Hello! Is this the grocer?" asked a voice at the other end of the wire.  
"Please send me up half pound of butter at once, and have the boy bring change for a fifty-dollar bill, as I haven't anything smaller in the house."  
"Excuse me, lady," said the grocer, "but if I had that much money in the store I'd be down in Wall street speculating in war brides."

"What's that noise in the cellar?" the frightened voice of his wife inquired.  
"That's me fixin' the furnace," he replied, and returned to pleasant dreams.

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Fifth Prize \$5.00

### Voting Closes Saturday December 23, at 6 p. m.

With each cash subscription received by the Mountainair Independent after the date of this issue, November 16, up to and including December 23, 1916, we will issue a coupon, according to the schedule of votes below, which coupon may be voted in this contest for your favorite candidate. Any young lady in Torrance County may be nominated by any of her friends filling in the Nominating Coupon, printed elsewhere in this paper, and forwarding same to the Independent Office: The Nominating Coupon carries with it 1,000 votes. Only one Nominating Coupon will be counted for each candidate.

On Saturday, December 23d, 1916, at 6 o'clock the Ballot Box will be opened, and the final count made by disinterested parties, and the prizes will be awarded by these judges.

Candidates not receiving prizes will be paid a commission on the number of subscriptions they have reported to the Independent office.

### Schedule of Votes:

6 Months' Subscription,	\$1.00	200 Votes
1 Year's	\$2.00	500 "
2 "	\$4.00	1250 "
3 "	\$6.00	2000 "
5 "	\$10.00	4000 "

Arrangements will be made to place the Ballot Box in one of the business houses of Mountainair, and our office force will know no more how the candidates are running than others.

Get in the Game early. See your friends and get their Subscriptions before some other candidate beats you to it. Hustling will win the prizes.

## THE MOUNTAINAIR INDEPENDENT

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## Tested Recipes

(In this column each week will be found a number of Tested Recipes. By clipping these and pasting in a note book, a complete book of tried recipes may be gathered. We will be glad to print any favorite recipes of our readers.—Ed.)

### Rice and Sausage

Chop an onion, and fry it with a tablespoonful of dripping until it is of a nice golden color. Wash a teaspoonful of whole rice, put it on with cold water, and after bringing it to the boil, drain and stir it in among the onion. Add two breakfastcupfuls of stock (or water with gravy) and a couple tomatoes, and allow to simmer until the rice is tender and absorbs the liquid. When ready stir in two tablespoonfuls of grated cheese, with sufficient salt and pepper to season. Pile in the center of a hot dish. Have some small sausages nicely browned. Place the sausages neatly around. This dish is quite complete without potatoes.

### Raisin Cookies

Cream half cupful sugar with quarter cupful butter. Add one egg and cream again. Then add quarter cup sweet milk, half teaspoonful vanilla extract and one cupful flour sifted with one and a half teaspoonfuls baking powder and a pinch of salt. Add more sifted flour to make a soft dough and roll out thin on a floured board. Cut into rounds with a cookie cutter. Spread a layer of chopped raisins between two cookies, press the filled cookies lightly with the rolling pin, and bake in greased pans in a hot oven until nicely browned.

### Fruit Cake

Twelve eggs; one pound blanched almonds; one pound butter; three pounds seeded raisins; one and one-fourth pounds sugar; one and one-fourth pounds flour; one pound chopped figs; one pound citron; one half pound dates; one half pound currants; one teaspoon lemon extract; one grated nutmeg; one teaspoon soda; eight tablespoonfuls fruit juice; three cups of flour with fruit; one cup molasses; one cup sour milk. Steam five hours and dry in oven.

Mrs. C. O. B.

### Poor Man's Fruit Cake

Two cups sugar; one cup butter (or cottolene and a pinch of salt); two cups warm coffee; two cups raisins; one cup put meats, chopped; one cup citron, chopped; allspice, cinnamon, cloves, nutmeg, one teaspoon each; four eggs (save whites of two for frosting); one teaspoon soda. Mix shortening and sugar to a cream; add soda to coffee; mix with sugar and shortening; then add fruits, nuts and spices and well beaten eggs, flour enough to make a little stiffer than common cake. Will keep indefinitely. Mrs. H. B.

### Oven Frying

The best way to fry ham, sausage, bacon and fresh or salt pork is in the oven. Use a frying pan or a tin or granite pan which is lighter to handle and much more easily washed. The meat browns above as well as below, does not spatter the stove with grease, and needs much less watching, also the extracted fat is whiter and has a better flavor than when the frying is done on the top of the stove.

### Custard

Beat slightly the whites of four eggs with one-fourth of a cupful of sugar, add a speck of salt, a few drops of almond or vanilla flavoring, and one pint of scalded milk. Strain into molds and steam or bake until firm. Scald another pint of milk and add to the beaten yolks of four eggs, cook until it begins to thicken and add one-fourth of a cupful of sugar and strain; flavor when cold.

### Fruit Cake

Three-fourths cup sugar; one-half cup butter; one and one-half cup raisins; one-half cup water in which the raisins had steamed for twenty minutes; one cup nut meats; one teaspoon soda; flour for thin batter. Bake in a

Mrs. W.